

"We watch over him and look over him," said Ah Thao, whose daughter attended the retreat where Wellisch was last seen alive. "We don't want to leave him alone. We guard him until he is buried."

The community is anxious about what happens next.

"It is too big of a scope to say right now," said Kou Ly, a parishioner who helped Wellisch learn the Hmong language, "He's not replaceable."

Va Thai Lo will continue to serve St. Vincent's as a deacon, and various backup clergy will say Mass until an interim pastor or permanent priest is appointed.

"Whenever we needed him, he was there spiritually and morally," Khamtsy Yang said in a eulogy. "We will still have faith in God, who will bring us a new priest."

The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis also has ministries dedicated to Hispanics, Vietnamese, Koreans, Poles, Eritreans and American Indians.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:16 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

H.R. 1465. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4832 East Highway 27 in Iron Station, North Carolina, as the "General Charles Gabriel Post Office."

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 172. Concurrent resolution supporting the 20th Annual National Tourism Week.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1465. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4832 East Highway 27 in Iron Station, North Carolina, as the "General Charles Gabriel Post Office"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 172. Concurrent resolution supporting the 20th Annual National Tourism Week; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 1162. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to accelerate the increase in the refundability of the child tax credit, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 1174. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to accelerate the increase in the refundability of the child tax credit, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2443. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Flawed Processes and Ineffective Systems of Accountability Pertaining to DCPS' Special Education Program Have Resulted In Costly Legal Fees and Exorbitant Charges for Related Services and Nonpublic Tuition" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2444. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Labor for the period October 1, 2002, through March 31, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2445. A communication from the Special Counsel, Office of the Special Counsel, transmitting pursuant to law, the Annual Report from the Office of Special Counsel for Fiscal Year 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2446. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) Semiannual Report for the period October 1, 2002, through March 31, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2447. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations. (REydon, Oklahoma) (MM Docket No. 01-227; RM-10255)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2448. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (O'Brien, Stamford, Panhandle, Shamrock, Colorado City, Texas; Taloga, Oklahoma) (MB Docket Nos. 02-296, 02-297, 02-298, 02-299, 02-300, 02-302)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2449. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Alamo and Milan, Georgia) (MM Docket No.

01-111)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2450. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of FM Allotments; FM Broadcast Stations (Comache, Mullin and Mason, Texas) (MM Docket No. 01-159; RM-10164; 10395)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2451. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations. (Buffalo, Oklahoma) (MB Docket No. 02-383; RM-10614)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2452. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations. (Eldorado, Texas; Milan, New Mexico; Alpena, Michigan; Channing, Texas; Escobares, Texas; Ozone, Texas; Rotan, Texas; Wellington, Texas; Memphis, Texas; Matador, Texas; Arthur, Nebraska; Mclean, Texas; and Wheeler, Texas) (MM Docket Nos. 01-273; 02-43; MB Docket 02-17; 02-168; 02-170; 02-172; 02-173; 02-175; 02-176; 02-291; 02-292; and 02-293)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2453. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of FM Allotments; FM Broadcast Stations (Douglas and Tombstone, Arizona, and Santa Clara, New Mexico) (MB Docket No. 02-374; RM-10598)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2454. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotment, FM Broadcast Stations (Junction, Texas) (MM Docket No. 01-132)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2455. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations, Minot, ND (MM Doc. No. 02-282, RM-10523)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2456. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations, Jackson, WY (MB Docket No. 02-375, RM-10605)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2457. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations, Great Falls, MT (MM Docket No. 00-246, RM-9859)" received on June 1, 2003; to